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Date: 6/3/72

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TO: ☐ THE PRESIDENT**FIELD DISSEMINATION**☐ THE VICE PRESIDENT☐ ATT.: _____☐ WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM☐ ATT.: _____☐ SECRETARY OF STATE☐ DIRECTOR, CIA☐ DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE☐ NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE☒ U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID)☐ ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)☐ NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, ATT: SENIOR OPERATION OFFICER☐

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Mr. Campbell	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Miller, ES	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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833PM NITEL 6-2-72 RWR

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (89-NEW) 2P

LEONARD BOSCIA; UNITED STATES SENATOR CHARLES PERCY - VICTIM,
Assaulting Federal Officer
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE POSSIBLE AFO.

BOSCIA, WHITE, MALE, AGE SEVENTY, DATE OF BIRTH
APRIL TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN ZERO TWO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE POUNDS,
ENTERED OFFICE OF ^{UNITED} STATES SENATOR CHARLES PERCY,
INSTANT, ASKING TO SEE PERCY. PERCY PRESENTLY IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY
SUBJECT DISPLAYED LOADED TWENTY-TWO CALIBER REVOLVER
STATING SAME A TOY ^{GUN} GUN GIVEN HIM BY J. EDGAR HOOVER.
NO THREATS MADE. SECURITY GUARDS STOPPED SUBJECT LEAVING
BUILDING AND WEAPON RECOVERED.

SUBJECT BROUGHT TO FBI OFFICE WHERE INTERVIEWED
AND APPEARS TO BE SENILE, INCOHERENT AND MENTALLY
INCOMPETENT.
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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

AUSA DECLINED PROSECUTION SINCE NO THREATS TO
ANYONE NOTING SENATOR PERCY PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON
AND NO FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT VIOLATION.

CHICAGO OFFICE SECRET SERVICE ADVISED SUBJECT
TURNED OVER TO CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE
CHARGED WITH CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON.

National Crime Information Center

~~NCIC NEGATIVE RE SUBJECT AND WEAPON.~~

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ADVISED SEVEN PM INSTANT LEONARD BOSCHIA,

Date of Birth

~~DOB APRIL TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN ZERO TWO, CHICAGO, FBI NUMBER~~

~~FOUR ZERO THREE ZERO TWO EIGHT H ARRESTED CHICAGO JULY SIX, NINETEEN~~

~~SIXTY ONE, DISORDERLY CONDUCT; JUNE THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY,~~

~~UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON; JULY NINE, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, FAILURE~~

~~TO REGISTER FIREARMS.~~

~~Letterhead Memorandum~~

~~LHM FOLLOWS.~~

END.

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SVC FBI WASH DC

6/3/72

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached relates subject, white male, age 70, entered office of U.S. Senator Charles Percy (Republican - Illinois), Chicago, Illinois, asking to speak to the Senator (Senator in Washington, D.C.) and in conversation with Senator's secretary displayed loaded .22 caliber revolver stating same was toy given to him by J. Edgar Hoover. No threats made. Subject interviewed at Chicago FBI Office and appeared to be senile, incoherent, and mentally incompetent.

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chicago, declined prosecution as no threats made and no violation of Federal Firearms Act. Subject turned over to Chicago Police Department to be charged with carrying concealed weapon. Check of weapon in National Crime Information Center negative. Secret Service, Chicago, and Secret Service Headquarters advised by teletype 6/3/72.

Bureau indices contain no pertinent identifiable information regarding subject.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 6/22/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/2 - 6/20/72
TITLE OF CASE LEONARD BOSCHIA; UNITED STATES SENATOR CHARLES PERCY - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY rmb
		CHARACTER OF CASE CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE	

REFERENCE: Chicago teletype to the Acting Director dated 6/2/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 6/2/72, Agent US Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, was advised of the pertinent details of this matter.

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APPROVED [Signature]						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - US Secret Service, WDC
1 - USA, Chicago (Attn: AUSA [redacted])
1 - US Secret Service, Chicago (Via Courier)

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: 6/22/72

Field Office File #: 89-103 Bureau File #: _____

Title: LEONARD BOSCIA;
UNITED STATES SENATOR
CHARLES PERCY - VICTIM

Character: CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

Synopsis: On 6/2/72, LEONARD BOSCIA, FBI number 403 028 H, entered the reception room of US Senator CHARLES PERCY at Chicago, Illinois. During conversation with the receptionist BOSCIA displayed a pistol which he stated was toy. Senator PERCY was then in Washington, D. C., and no threats were made against Senator PERCY or the receptionist. Security guards were alerted and BOSCIA was stopped exiting an elevator. A search recovered a fully loaded .22 caliber revolver. BOSCIA interviewed and stated revolver given him by J. EDGAR HOOVER. AUSA, Chicago, declined prosecution of BOSCIA under Title 18, Section 351, US Code (Congressional Assassination Statute), since no threats made. BOSCIA taken into custody by Chicago Police Department and charged locally with Failure to Register a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Appeared in local court 6/3/72, and remanded to Chicago State Hospital for psychiatric exam with rehearing scheduled 6/20/72. On 6/5/72, he was diagnosed as organic brain syndrome psychosis, associated with cerebral arteriosclerosis. As a result of formal medical hearing on 6/13/72, he was committed to Chicago Read Mental Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, for treatment. On 6/20/72, local charges dismissed as result of mental commitment. Chicago Police records reflect BOSCIA also arrested 6/13/70, and 7/9/71, on weapons charge.

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In the event additional information
of value is developed, your agency will
be advised.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from [redacted] Federal Protection Officer, Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, on June 2, 1972.

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Date 6/12/72

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[redacted], Federal Protection Officer, 219 South Dearborn, First floor, appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with Federal Protection Officer [redacted] and an unknown white male. [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] FBI, that he frisked the unknown white male at the south elevator bank of the building after asking the man two times if he was carrying a concealed weapon. The frisk resulted in discovery of a pistol which [redacted] turned over to SA [redacted] and which [redacted] said the man described as a "playtoy". The pistol was examined by SA [redacted] and found to contain six apparently live .22 caliber rounds in the cylinder. It is described as follows:

Caliber:	.22
Type	Revolver, blue steel with pearl colored handle
Make	PIC (Precision Instrument Corporation)
Model:	Unknown; 6-shot (the lead on the bullets had been carved parallel to the long axis, resulting in an irregularly shaped missile)
Serial Number	101285

The unknown male is described by observation as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Approximately 70 years
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 pounds
Characteristics	Wore glasses, hat; political button for NIXON and pin with "FBI" inscribed on pendant on his left sport coat lapel; metal crucifix

On 6/12/72 at Chicago, Illinois

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by SA [redacted] /WAT/jld

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on his right sport coat
lapel; a picture of JESUS
CHRIST protruding from left
sport coat breast pocket;
series of chains and pendants
as a tie clasp, receding
gums resulting in very
noticeably receding lips.

Date 6/12/721

[redacted] Federal Protection Officer, Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, was interviewed in the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and furnished the following information:

He received a call at approximately 2:30 p.m. on June 2, 1972, from [redacted] of Senator PERCY's office who advised him that a "very peculiar" man appeared at that office. She stated this individual did not speak English very well and had a lot of political and other buttons on his coat. She indicated he produced a news clipping with a picture of J. EDGAR HOOVER and what looked like a gun. She stated that the man said it was a "playtoy". [redacted] asked her if the man was still there and she told him he was on the elevator on his way down.

[redacted] waited at the south elevator bank and when the man he believed to be the one described by [redacted] exited the elevator, he asked him if he had a concealed weapon. The unknown male stated he did not. [redacted] then frisked him and found a pistol in his right trousers pocket. He thereafter took the man to the Federal Protection Office, and "the Captain" [redacted] (phonetic), said to take the man to the FBI Office, which he did. [redacted] described the man as follows:

Name	LEONARD BOSCIO or ROSCIO (Each time he was asked to spell or write his name he gave a different spelling or writing).
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 60s
Height	5'8" approximately
Weight	170 pounds approximately

[redacted] stated that to his knowledge the man made no threats at any time.

On 6/ at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-103

by SA [redacted] /jld/rmb Date dictated

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6/5/72

Date of transcription _____

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Mrs. [] receptionist for Senator CHARLES PERCY, Room 1860, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agents [] and [] concerning a possible violation of the Congressional Assassination Statute. Mrs. [] was interviewed and furnished the following information:

On June 2, 1972, approximately 2:00 P.M. an elderly man entered the reception room of Senator Percy's Office. Mrs. [] advised she could not understand what the man was saying. She observed political campaign material which he was carrying in his hands and also in his pockets.

The man reached into his pocket and pulled out a picture of J. EDGAR HOOVER advising Mrs. [] that Mr. HOOVER had given the picture to him. He also pointed to a lapel pin inscribed with FBI and advised Mrs. [] that HOOVER gave the pin to him, too. At this time the man reached into his pocket and pulled out a gun showing it to Mrs. []. Mrs. [] stated she thought she heard him say that Mr. HOOVER also gave him the handgun. He placed the gun back into his pocket. Mrs. [] asked him what he had and he stated the gun was a toy. Throughout the conversation Mrs. [] advised the man was speaking incoherently and she had difficulty understanding anything he said.

She advised that she was confused, but thought it best to call the security guards, thinking the gun may have been a real one. The man continued to linger in the reception room and was there for about ten minutes before leaving.

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by SA's []
by OFW/EL Date dictated 6/5/72

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Mrs. [] stated the man did not threaten her or make any threats against Senator PERCY. She stated he behaved in a pleasant manner. Before leaving he wrote his name and address on a piece of paper and asked Mrs. [] to give the paper to Senator PERCY and instruct the Senator that he had been by to see him.

Mrs. [] stated the Senator was in Washington D.C.

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Date of transcription 6/14/72

LEONARD BOSCIA was informed of the identity of the interviewing Agents, as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible violation of the Congressional Assassination Statute. He was promptly advised of his rights and he waived these rights by stating that he would answer questions; however, he refused to sign a Warning and Waiver Form.

Thereafter, BOSCIA started to speak in an incoherent manner, refusing to state the reason for his visit to the Office of Senator CHARLES PERCY, Room 1860, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois. His only statement regarding loaded .22 caliber revolver was that it was a toy gun given him by J. EDGAR HOOVER. It is apparent to interviewing Agents BOSCIA appears mentally ill.

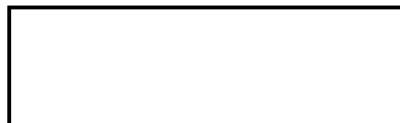
The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	LEONARD BOSCIA
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	70
Date of Birth	April 22, 1902
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 pounds
Scars and Marks	Moustache
Residence	
Present	2545 West Augusta
Past	721 North Wells Street
Employment	
Present	None
Past	Building trade
Education	High School

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by 3As [redacted] JDS:ng Date dictated 6/8/72
and [redacted]

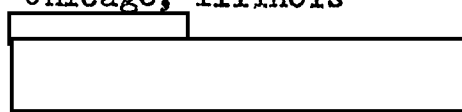
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Associates

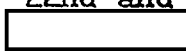


Chicago, Illinois

Relatives



Chicago, Illinois
Employed - Western
Electric
22nd and Cicero



Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Teeth
Occupation
Marital Status
Military Service
Number
Social Security Number
Federal Bureau of
Investigation Number
Chicago Police
Department Number

Small
Gray
Brown (glasses)
medium
None
None
Separated

United States Army
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On June 2, 1972, the facts in this matter were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted], Northern District of Illinois (NDI), Chicago, Illinois. AUSA [redacted] noting Senator PERCY's presence in Washington, D. C., stated he was declining prosecution of BOSCIA under Title 18, Section 351, United States Code (Congressional Assassination Statute), since BOSCIA did not threaten anyone.

On June 2, 1972, BOSCIA was taken into custody by the Chicago Police Department and charged with Failure to Register a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

On June 20, 1972, records of the Chicago Police Department were reviewed and they reflect that on June 3, 1972, BOSCIA appeared in Branch 27, Circuit Court of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, charged with Failure to Register a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. BOSCIA was scheduled for rehearing on June 20, 1972, and was remanded to Chicago State Hospital for psychiatric examination. On June 5, 1972, BOSCIA was afforded a psychiatric examination with the following diagnosis:

"Organic Brain Syndrome Psychosis, associated with cerebral arteriosclerosis. This is an elderly man who, due to the progressing arteriosclerotic changes in the brain, has become paranoid. He feels that the world, including some of his relatives, are against him and he strikes out accordingly."

As a result of a formal medical hearing on June 13, 1972, BOSCIA was committed to the Chicago Read Mental Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. The records further reflect that BOSCIA, FBI number 403 028 H, has the following Chicago arrest record:

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<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
9/25/51	No charge listed	No disposition
7/6/61	Disorderly conduct	30 days
6/13/70	Disorderly conduct Unlawful Use of a Weapon Failure to Register Firearm	Dismissed with prejudice on 10/12/70, after a bench forfeiture warrant was issued for his failure to appear 8/19/70
7/9/71	Failure to Register Firearm and Dis- orderly Conduct	7/12/71, dismissed with prejudice.

On June 20, 1972, Sergeant [REDACTED], Court
Sergeant, Branch 27, Circuit Court of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois,
advised the local charges against BOSCIA were dismissed on that
date in view of his commitment to Chicago Read Hospital.